

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES  
EXHIBIT NO. 10  
DATE Jan. 28, 2009  
BILL NO. SB 200

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 200**  
"AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF PHOSPHORUS-CONTAINING  
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR WATER QUALITY  
REASONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 75-7-411, MCA; AND  
PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."  
(for 2009 MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION)

WHEREAS, high concentrations of phosphorus in surface water can result in excessive algae growth

WHEREAS, excessive algae growth degrades aquatic habitats, decreases diversity of aquatic invertebrates, stresses native fish populations and diminishes the quality of recreational experiences

WHEREAS, phosphorus from household cleaning products is discharged to surface water from municipal wastewater treatment plants and septic systems

WHEREAS, studies indicate that phosphorus from dishwasher detergents is a significant source of phosphorus to wastewater treatment plants

WHEREAS, effective and reasonably-priced phosphorus-free dishwasher detergents are widely available and additional products are expected to become available before the effective date of the proposed legislation,

WHEREAS, other states and provinces, including the State of Washington have adopted similar bans,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MISSOULA WATER QUALITY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL CONCURS WITH SENATE BILL 200

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009

(Passed unanimously, 1/13/2009)